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REMARKS

The purpose of the present supplemental amendment is to reinsert in the specification "substantially elastic" to describe the buffers as it was in the original specification. It is also to reinsert as an advantageous characteristic for such buffers the ability of "conforming the difficult shapes" as it was written in the French priority patent application No. 90/02916 p. 5, lines 20-24 and in the original PCT application PCT/FR91/00190 p. 11, lines 14-20 ("Le premier avantage de l'invention réside dans le fait que le tampon, par son élasticité dans la masse et par la capacité de sa surface de contact à épouser les contours des surfaces de saisie des objets enserrés...", i.e. turned into English "the paramount advantage of the invention lies in the fact that said buffer owing to its intrinsic elasticity and by its contact face ability to conform the outlines of the clamped objects..."). By dint of restructuring the patent application, this important had disappeared gradually from the specification for no other reason than lightening some passages. The purpose of the present supplemental amendment is also to correct some spelling errors (writing split instead of "splitted") and to make the claims more consistent to each other.

Regarding the clamps according to Ditto's patent, the applicant apologizes to the Examiner. These clamps are not offered for sale in shops wrapped under a hermetic plastic blister but only bare and tied up by small strips to a presentation cardboard (see this "packaging under the trademark "Evergreen Workbench" on photographs 2 and 4 of the color copy attached to the last filed affidavit). The miniature clamps according to the applicant are offered for sale in shops under blister and the applicant thought it was the rule without checking any more on his own Ditto clamp. But indeed this way of offering the Ditto clamps for sale in shop is an additional evidence than the caps 32 and 34 of Ditto must be stuck on their supporting rods. Otherwise they might be removed by handling during the shipping or during examination by customers and henceforth clamps might loosen from their cardboards and as a consequence be lost.

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